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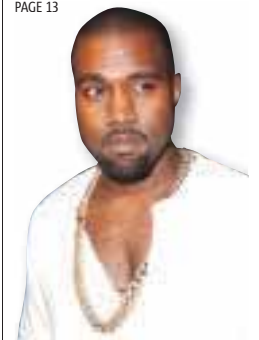
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# Justice for Gurley

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Brooklyn DA Ken Thompson announces the grand jury indictment of NYPD Officer Peter Liang for shooting and killing Akai Gurley in the Pink Houses of East New York. / ALAN CHIN, METRO

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Liang, in back, walks flanked by guards. Bottom right: Melissa Butler, center, was with Gurley in the stairwell when he was shot, at top right. / ALAN CHIN, METRO

# Brooklyn DA Thompson vs. NYPD's wall of blue

**Police.** Ken Thompson is taking on the NYPD, one indictment at a time.

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson is taking on the NYPD.

On Wednesday, Thompson filed six charges against NYPD Officer Peter Liang for the Nov. 20 shooting death of Akai Gurley, an unarmed black man hit by a ricocheting bullet in the unlit stairwell of East New York's Pink Houses project.

Liang, a rookie cop, is accused of accidentally shooting Gurley and then not tending to the injured man as he bled to

death.

Liang, 27, remained silent, standing in a dark suit and gray tie as his lawyer, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association attorney Stephen Worth, pleaded not guilty to the six charges. He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

"There are no winners here," Thompson told reporters from his downtown Brooklyn office, after the plea.

Liang's is Thompson's fourth indictment of a police officer in as many months, as he argues there's no need for special prosecutors in cases where cops kill civilians.

Roger S. Wareham, the attorney for Melissa Butler, who was with Gurley in the stairwell when he was shot, called Thompson "an anomaly"



Visit **Metro.us** to read more about the incident and indictment.

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"It's a real reflection on the problems with the criminal justice system that we have to commend a district attorney for doing what he's supposed to do."

Wareham

for doing his job. "Too many of the other ones don't do that," Wareham said.

Thompson's predecessor, Charles Hynes, was a staunch defender of the police. One of Thompson's first moves on taking office was to reopen a slew of cases based on testimony from retired detective Louis Scarcella.

In his first year as DA, Thompson's office helped vacate convictions of 10 people wrongfully found guilty.

"The people of Brooklyn elected me as their district attorney," he said Wednesday. "We conduct our business in a fair manner. And there's no reason why a special prosecutor should take over my responsibilities as Brooklyn DA."

In early February,

Thompson indicted Officer Joel Edouard, 37, on a misdemeanor assault charge for allegedly stomping on the head of a man who was suspected but never charged with marijuana possession.

Officers David Afanador, 33, and Tyrane Issac, 36, were charged by Thompson's office in November after surveillance cameras caught them striking a 16-year-old teen. They face official misconduct charges, and Afanador was charged with second-degree assault.

All the officers are being represented by Worth. A PBA spokesman didn't reply to a request for comment.



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# New site sheds light on Airbnb listings

## Housing.

Controversial site's numbers revealed.

A new website is mapping out all 27,392 Airbnb listings in New York City, and could reveal that more than 50 percent of listings are illegal.

Airbnb, which allows users to rent rooms in their homes or their entire apartment, is called a "sharing economy" by fans and "illegal hotels" by opponents.

The mapping website, called Inside Airbnb, was created by Brooklyn software engineer Murray Cox.

According to the site, about 58 percent of listings are for entire residences, with about 10,000 located in Manhattan. A state law prohibits owners of most apartment



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The Russian Mission on 67th Street. / BESS ADLER

## Alleged Russian spook in court

**Crime.** The 39-year-old is accused of trying to infiltrate the stock exchange.

A Russian man who the U.S. government said posed as banker in New York City, but was in fact a Russian spy, pleaded not guilty in federal court on Wednesday.

Evgeny Buryakov, 39, was arrested late last month in the Bronx. He's accused of seeking information regarding the New York Stock Exchange and U.S. sanctions against Russia. Buryakov allegedly recruited women attending an unidentified university in New York City as well as a unidentified man who worked for a financial consulting firm, between March 2012 and September 2014.

Federal authorities also charged Igor Sporyshev, a Russian trade representative and Victor Podobnyy, an attaché at Russia's mission to the U.N. Both men had diplomatic immunity, and have left the U.S.

The spy ring unraveled, according to a complaint filed by the FBI, when the two Russian diplomats called Buryakov from the New York office of the Rus-



sian Foreign Intelligence Services, using an open line. The FBI had bugged the office, according to the complaint. Previously, Buryakov and the men would speak briefly on the phone, and met in public places.

The complaint revealed some of the Russian spy services honeypot techniques. When it comes to recruiting women "you either need to f— them or use other levers to influence them to execute my requests," Sporyshev told Buryakov, according to the complaint.

On Wednesday, Buryakov walked into Judge Richard Berman's courtroom without handcuffs, wearing blue

inmate clothes. He appeared calm, and did not rely on a stand-by Russian interpreter. He briefly answered the judge that he understood English.

Buryakov's lawyer, Benjamin Naftalis, waived the reading of the two-count indictment against his client. He is charged with conspiracy to act as an unregistered agent of a foreign government and with acting as an unregistered agent of a foreign government.

Buryakov, who was indicted on Monday and denied bail, is due back in court on March 26.



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### Snow

## Light dusting through afternoon

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"We're not expecting a lot, less than an inch," said Joe Pollina, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. Pollina said the most snow the city will likely see is 0.7 inches.

The Department of Sanitation has issued a snow alert that will start at 8 a.m. to prepare equipment and workers for potential snowfall. Temperatures will be in the mid-30s, and significantly drop Friday, with highs expected in the teens. Friday will be dry, and light snow could fall Saturday night into early Sunday. Pollina said 20.2 inches of snow have been recorded in Central Park for the 2014-2015 winter. The seasonal average is 25.1 inches.

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## 'Vampire cop.' Man held in Craigslist rape



Francisco Rivera was arrested on suspicion of rape. / NYPD

A cop-impersonating, Craigslist-trolling Queens man with a penchant for vampire chic is behind bars, the NYPD said.

According to police, Francisco Rivera, 29, was wearing white contact lenses when he met his alleged victim, a 25-year-old woman, for a massage.

He told the woman he was a cop, showed a shield and told her he would put her in jail if

she didn't have sex with him.

The attack took place on Oct. 26, 2014, and police are investigating whether there are more victims.

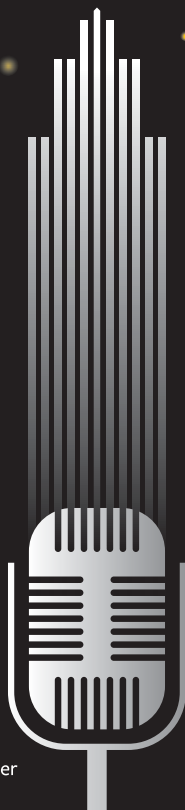
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# Obama asks Congress to authorize military force against Islamic State



President Obama announces authorization for the use of military force with Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. / GETTY IMAGES

**Lawmakers.** Some predict a vote as soon as March, others anticipate it can take months.

President Barack Obama asked Congress on Wednesday to authorize military force against Islamic State that would bar

any large-scale invasion by U.S. ground troops and limit operations to three years.

Republicans, who control Congress, put up swift resistance to the proposal. They say Obama's foreign policy is too passive and want stronger measures against the militants, also known as ISIL or ISIS.

With Obama's fellow Democrats wary of another Middle East war, it could

## Quoted

**"I have directed a comprehensive and sustained strategy to degrade and defeat ISIL."** Obama in a letter to Congress

be difficult for the White House to win enough support to pass the bill, even though six months have



## Boots on the ground

**Plan only allows for certain combat**

The plan does not authorize "long-term, large-scale ground combat operations" such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan, as the prospect of U.S. "boots on the ground" once again worries many members of Congress.

But it does allow for certain ground combat operations including rescue operations or the use of special operations forces and it permits the use of U.S. forces for intelligence collection, targeting operations for drone strikes and planning and giving other assistance to local forces.

REUTERS

passed since the military campaign began.

The proposed resolution says Islamic State "has committed despicable acts of violence and mass execution." Its militants have killed thousands of civilians while seizing territory in Iraq and Syria in an attempt to establish a hub of jihadism in the heart of the Arab world.

They have also gener-

ated international outrage by beheading several western journalists and aid workers and burning to death a Jordanian pilot.

Both the Senate and House of Representatives must approve Obama's plan. Lawmakers said they would begin hearings quickly. Senate Republicans were to meet later on Wednesday.

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## Health officials

**San Francisco Bay Area transit rider had measles on train**

Commuters on San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit system may have been exposed to measles last week after an East Bay resident with the disease rode a BART train to and from work in the city for three days while infectious, public health officials said on Wednesday.

The infected BART rider marks the first case of measles documented by Contra Costa County health officials during an outbreak of the virus that has infected more than 100 people in California since December.

Fewer than 10 of those cases have been diagnosed in the San Francisco Bay area. Most have occurred in Southern California, many of them linked to exposure to an infected person, believed to be from outside

## Quoted

**"Although the risk of contracting measles by being exposed on BART is low, Bay Area residents should be aware of the situation."**

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the country, who visited the Disneyland resort in late December. REUTERS

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# Gunman kills three Muslim students on UNC campus



Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, sits in the Durham County courtroom for his first appearance in the shooting deaths of three University of North Carolina students. / GETTY IMAGES

**Muslim.** Activists demanded that authorities investigate a possible motive of religious hatred.

A gunman who had posted anti-religious messages on Facebook was charged with killing three young Muslims in what police said on Wednesday was a dispute over parking and possibly a hate crime.

Craig Stephen Hicks, 46, of Chapel Hill, was arrested and charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the shootings around 5 p.m. on Tuesday near the University of North Carolina campus.

The victims are newlyweds Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23, a University of North Carolina dental student, and his wife Yusor Mohammad, 21, and Yusor's sister, Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19. All were involved in humanitarian aid programs.

The suspect, in handcuffs and orange jail garb,

## Quoted

**"It was execution style, a bullet in every head."**

Mohammad Abu-Salha, the father of the two women

appeared briefly early on Wednesday before Durham County Chief District Court Judge Marcia Morey, who ordered him held without bond pending a probable cause hearing set for March 4.

The father of the two women, Mohammad Abu-Salha, a psychiatrist in Clayton, told the News & Observer that his daughters wore Muslim headscarves and that the killings bore signs of a hate crime based on religion and culture.

"This was not a dispute over a parking space; this was a hate crime. This man had picked on my daughter and her husband a couple of times before, and he talked with them with his gun in his belt. And they were uncomfortable with him, but they did not know he would go this far."

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## Ukraine

### Peace talks open, overshadowed by a surge in fighting

The leaders of France, Germany, Russia and Ukraine held peace talks in Belarus on Wednesday, while in Ukraine pro-Moscow separatists tightened the pressure on Kiev by launching some of the war's worst

fighting.

Rebels who tore up a five-month-old truce in January are trying to encircle government forces in Debaltsevo, a strategic location that would let them link up their main strongholds.

A surge in fighting in the 24 hours before the summit, including a rocket attack that killed 17 people in government-held terri-



Putin, Merkel and Hollande at the peace talks / GETTY IMAGES

tory on Tuesday, could be intended to force Ukraine to accept a deal recognizing the rebel advance.

The summit was being held in neighboring Belarus under a Franco-German proposal to try to halt the fighting. Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Francois Hollande began talks with Ukraine's Petro Poroshenko and Russia's Vladimir Putin. **REUTERS**

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# Former captain of Costa Concordia gets 16-year prison term

**Schettino.** He was convicted of multiple manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning his passengers.

An Italian court sentenced the former captain of the Costa Concordia cruise liner to 16 years in prison on Wednesday for his role in the 2012 shipwreck that killed 32 people off the Tuscan holiday island of Giglio.

Francesco Schettino was commanding the vessel, a floating hotel as long as three soccer pitches, when it came too close to shore and hit rocks off the

island, tearing a hole in its side.

Investigators severely criticized Schettino's handling of the disaster, accusing him of bringing the 290 meter-long vessel too close to shore. The subsequent shipwreck set off a chaotic night evacuation of more than 4,000 passengers and crew.

He was also accused of delaying evacuation and abandoning ship before all the 4,229 passengers and crew had been rescued.

Prosecutors had asked for a prison sentence of 26 years for Schettino, who has admitted some responsibility but denied blame for the deaths that occurred during the evacuation.

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## Peter Copping's Debut at Oscar de la Renta

Though Peter Copping had been announced as Oscar de la Renta's successor before the legendary ladies-who-lunch-loving designer passed away in October, he hadn't expected to make his solo debut quite so soon. (The idea was to work alongside de la Renta for a couple of seasons before going on his own.) Still, Copping has proven he can do swoony ladylike clothes as former creative director of French label Nina Ricci. The real question: What



Peter Copping with Olivia Palermo.

new ideas will he bring to Oscar's singular, and particular, vision? Forget Marc Jacobs — this is the most hotly anticipated show of the season.

## The Return of Cathy Horyn

Fashion's most feared critic is back! After leaving The New York Times last January, Cathy Horyn will again be wielding her poisonous pen — this time for New York Magazine's The Cut blog — causing feuds, throwing shade and throwing all manner of truth bombs on the industry. All of this should make the pre-show chatter at the tents far more interesting.



## Tom Ford's LA Show

Tom Ford doesn't go to Fashion Week; he makes Fashion Week come to him. This season, the Hollywood favorite has decided to stage his Fall '15 show in Los Angeles, right when most of the fashion flock will be flying from New York across the pond for the start of London Fashion Week. But Mr. Ford is a smart man: With the Academy Awards coming up, he's sure to get a bunch of big-name celebs clamoring to wear his latest looks for the big night.



TOM FORD WITH GWYNETH PALTROW

# Fashion Week cheat sheet

These are the six things everyone will be talking about. **RAQUEL LANERI**

## Fashion's new face

Fashion is an industry that prizes youth. But it was a Celine ad featuring octogenarian writer Joan Didion that #broke the internet and drove the fashion world into a frenzy earlier this year. Indeed, many designers have opted for more mature models in their ad campaigns and runways — from Dolce & Gabbana's Italian nonnas to Lanvin's mother-daughter pairs to Joni Mitchell fronting for Saint Laurent. This all makes sense, since middle-aged and older women are the ones who



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can actually afford to buy the designer goods on display at Fashion Week (and they need more than a pretty face to woo them). May we offer a suggestion? How about we get Ruth Bader Ginsburg for Michael Kors?

## New York Fashion Week's Uncertain Future

This season is NYFW's last at Lincoln Center — which, with more and more designers ditching the tony tents for grittier downtown venues, is a relief. (It definitely saves on cab fare.) Yet it's not all sunshine and rainbows for Fashion Week organizer IMG: For one, it was actually evicted from Lincoln Center (oops!), and its new permanent home in Hudson Yards is years away from completion. For another, it's losing its main sponsor too, with Mercedes-Benz announcing that it would be pulling funding for the event.



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## Yeezy on the runway?

The fashion press may have ripped apart his first Paris runway outing back in 2012, but since when has Kanye taken no for an answer? So when a mysterious invite to a Kanye West + Adidas event started making the rounds on Instagram, rumors of a catwalk comeback started flying. Will the multi-hyphenate rapper show on the runway? Will he throw a party? Will he even deign to acknowledge New York Fashion Week after traipsing through the more prestigious Paris shows last season? Watch this space.



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# Fashion's newest stars

These three up-and-comers need to be on your radar. Your wardrobe can thank us later. **TINA CHADA**



## Ji Oh

"It's the lifestyle I'm seeing for the future," Ji Oh says about her vision for Fall 2015. But before you imagine sleek Barbarella getups, the Korean-born, New York City-based designer's latest collection is actually quite the opposite.

"I focused on lounge-y looks, because a lot of people work from home," explains the 31-year-old Parsons and Central Saint Martins grad. Her ideal outfit for the self-employed: a cozy mohair or cashmere sweater, strappy structured tank and soft cable knit pencil skirt.

Sound like your dream pajamas? ("Exactly, I make sure you can go to sleep in it!"



Oh jokes.) Actually, these minimalistic basics, grounded in the designer's signature boyish attitude, take you right from the couch to the bar. And with androgyny and sweatpants trending on the runway, we're predicting that this line — already stocked at Barneys and Intermix — will be your go-to in the very near future.



## Charles Youssef

Charles Youssef creates clothes for #girlbosses. "She's more of a CEO or director," says the Lebanese-born designer about his ideal customer. "She'll wear a chic tailored dress in wool crepe with a blazer when she's working, and then she'll take it off and wear the same dress out for dinner — she doesn't have time to go home."

It's no surprise, then, that powerful women gravitate toward the Parsons and Central Saint Martins alum. Lady Gaga bought pieces from Youssef's graduate collection for her 2010 concert tour. Former Opening Ceremony buyer

Kate Foley styled his NYFW debut last season (pairing Youssef's deftly cut midi dresses with edgy Doc Martens was her idea). And consultant and street-style star Yasmin Sewell just signed on to head up his sales.

But the most validating moment yet for the 33-year-old — who held design positions at Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren before launching his own label last year? When Barneys placed an order for his spring line the day after his show. Exactly where Youssef's power woman buys her armor.



## Katie Ermilio

Elegant dressing is in Katie Ermilio's blood. Her grandfather served as Grace Kelly's clothier, and her father owns a bespoke menswear business in Philadelphia.

"I grew up around smart tailored suits and equestrian apparel," says the 29-year-old. The unofficial home-schooling has informed her own clean, polished design aesthetic.

But while it was her feminine party dresses that first attracted editors' attention in 2010, Ermilio is now proving she has the chops to create functional, everyday clothes for women, too. To wit, her chic gray- and white-striped trousers, which we could definitely see ourselves living in.

And while stars such as Michelle Williams and Kate Bosworth have graced the red carpet in Ermilio's lady-like creations, the designer's muse stays in the family.

"At the risk of sounding cliché, everything Grace Kelly stands for is the kind of woman I'm designing for," she says. "Her era was a time when women dressed, and my collection very much speaks to that."



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**Interview.**

The hometown designers charm the catwalk with their urban cool.

Designers Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne have achieved the fashion equivalent of rock-star status. In the past three years, their bespoke streetwear label Public School cleaned up in the awards category, nabbing every accolade from the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund to, most recently, the 2014/2015 International Woolmark Prize, which not only offers a handsome amount of money but also a list of prestigious new stockists for the brand from around the world.

Now the New York natives, who began their design career at Sean John, have one of the buzziest shows on the New York schedule. Expect fashion luminaries such as Anna Wintour and Jenna Lyons and fans like Tyson Chandler and Victor Cruz in the front row. And with the debut of womenswear last year — just in time for fashion's activewear obsession — we can safely say this is their moment.

**Congratulations on the International Woolmark Prize. For the contest you had to design a capsule collection in Merino. What did you learn from working with wool?**

**Osborne:** Working with wool and all of its natural benefits has been



instrumental in developing the trans-seasonality and versatility of our own collection, and it's going to really help jump-start our knitwear business. So you will see more of that fabric in our line.

**Active wear is having a major moment. Why do you think that is?**

**Dao-Yi:** There's an ease about wearing active wear. It's comfortable and functional, but can also be dressed up and incorporated into your [everyday] wardrobe.

**How does your design process work?**

**Osborne:** We do everything together. If someone is stronger at something, we let them do that, but it's a partnership. If I really love something but he doesn't as much, we'll do it, and if he really loves something but I don't as much, we'll do it. We don't fight too much.

**You recently debuted womenswear. How would you describe the PS lady?**

**Dao-Yi:** We share a lot of the silhouettes across the lines. The PS woman is the counterpart to the PS man, she's a connector, a traveler and a curious being.

**Kanye West just styled Rihanna in a vintage Sean John denim jacket. Did you recognize it?**

**Osborne:** "I didn't see that, but we love that era of fashion. I would bring it all back!"



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# Fashion Week's hottest act: Public School



Public School's Maxwell Osborne and Dao-Yi Chow. / GETTY IMAGES

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## More than just a pretty face

**News.** Fashion generates big bucks for NYC. The city just launched new initiatives to help the industry thrive.

You don't have to work in fashion to recognize when Fashion Week comes to New York.

Suddenly cabs are harder to come by, there's a velvet rope outside of every event venue and the girl sitting next to you on your morning subway commute may very well be a runway model. But what many don't realize is the influx of capital that these eight days mean to the city. Between the cost of production for the shows and the business brought by visitors to restaurants, hotels and salons, the whole ordeal is reported to bring in close to \$900 million a year — more than even the Super Bowl or U.S. Open, a recent report revealed.

But it doesn't stop at just the event.

"The fashion industry is a pillar of our economy, employing over 180,000 people and generating billions of dollars in economic

impact across the city," said New York City Economic Development Corporation spokesman Ian Fried.

The city, in turn, is committed to helping the industry thrive.

At the launch of Fashion Week last September, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced three new initiatives created to support the local fashion industry, including the Fashion Production Fund, which to date has issued 11 loans totaling \$964,000.

And on Wednesday, the mayor announced updates to the "Made in NY" program, including tripling

the city's current investment from \$5 million to \$15 million.

"We are determined to ensure that New York City's working designers and manufacturers — and those aspiring to join that community — have the support

they need to make it in New York City, and continue to grow NYC as the fashion capital of the world," de Blasio said in a statement.

The recent government support is welcomed among young designers who are able to have more control when working locally. "I'm very picky, so by developing locally it's much easier to be hands-on," said Daniel Silverstein, a recent addition to the Council of Fashion Designers of America who showed his collection for the first time last season.

"It's also great to feel a part of the New York community, and to support these families that are in turn supporting you," added designer Kaelen Haworth.

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# 5 Trends you need to know

It's not often that big fashion trends start in NYC, which is often seen as the safer, more commercial cousin to the haute capital of Paris. Yet two of the biggest trends in Paris during Men's Fashion Week, just a few weeks ago, originated here: gender fluidity and athletic wear. Here are a few more we expect to snowball this year. **RAQUEL LANERI**



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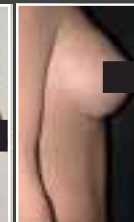
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# Fashion and romance

Freezing temps aside, the other bummer about New York Fashion Week's schedule is that Valentine's Day is smack in the middle of the show cycle. So does that mean no flowers, no vino and no sinful triple-layer chocolate cake for designers? We find out. **TINA CHADHA**



## Misha Nonoo

### Valentine's Day is around the corner; what's your idea of romance?

An evening where my husband cooks and I can spend the entire night in front of a roaring fire with both him and my darling [dog] Thatcher.

### What restaurant/cafe will we find you at during Fashion Week?

I'll be spending a lot of time in West Chelsea, which will be a nice break from Midtown, so I will try and take coffee and breakfast meetings at Empire Diner and Cookshop.

### Who's your favorite person to follow on Instagram?

F— Jerry and The Fat Jewish

### What is your current Fashion Week must-have?

My Smythson diary for that continuous to-do list that keeps me going right up to the show. Juice Press's The Volcano — its antioxidants keep me in tip-top shape and help me stay healthy and energized throughout Fashion Week.

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## Erin Beatty of Suno

### Valentine's Day is around the corner; what's your idea of romance?

I'm staying in for Valentine's Day! Honestly, the most romantic thing in the world for me is when my fiancé and I laugh together.

### What restaurant/cafe will we find you at during fashion week?

I love the classics: Raoul's, Omen, Bar Pitti. They're just so New York to me.

### Who's your favorite person to follow on Instagram?

Marnie the Dog and Idea Books Ltd.

### What's your current Fashion Week must-have?

This season, my new baby, Laszlo.



## Mara Hoffman

### Valentine's Day is around the corner; what's your idea of romance?

A fried-chicken bucket in bed, just kidding... sort of. Seriously though, romantic to me is being with the same person for 11 years and being fully and totally obsessed with them each and every day.

### What restaurant/cafe will we find you at during fashion week?

I'm pretty much tied to my studio during Fashion Week, but I drop into Gregory's Coffee next door for a large soy latte to keep me going. Also, I order out a lot from Sweet Green.

### Who's your favorite person to follow on Instagram?

The Fat Jewish



## Rachel Zoe

### Valentine's Day is around the corner; What's your idea of romance?

There's nothing better than spending the evening with my husband in our bathrobes, eating take-out and watching old movies.

### What restaurant/cafe will we find you at during Fashion Week?

The Waverly Inn is one of my favorites.

### Who's your favorite person to follow on Instagram?

I follow such a range of designers, mentors, philanthropists and leaders in their fields... so many excite and inspire me.

### What is your current Fashion Week must-have?

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# All eyes on the runway ... and Camille Charrière

## Fashion blogger.

Camille Charrière — aka Camille Over the Rainbow — reveals what it takes to get through a manic Fashion Month.

## How did you become a fashion blogger?

I worked in finance and really didn't like it, so I started the blog on the side. After doing that for a year, I got a job at Net-a-Porter. Meanwhile my blog kept growing to the point where I was earning more blogging than my job. In 2013 I decided to do it full time.

## How do you get ready for Fashion Month?

My solution is to not be too fashion-focused because I'll be getting a high dose of it. So I do more travel or culture-related things to add a bit of diversity.

## How do you plan to cover the shows?

I attend the shows and then I write about the ones that I found interesting. Instagram is a big part of the job now. It gives instant coverage of our outfits. I try to immerse [my readers] in my experience by posting a couple of show pictures of what I wear and who I hang out with to give them this 36-degree view.

## If you were going to a show now, what would you wear?

I'd wear what I'm wearing today. It's super relaxed: Acne boots with a Joseph pair of leather leggings, a Bruuns Bazaar black knit and this awesome patchy suede Topshop coat. If I'm in Paris, I might make a little more effort, but my approach to fashion week is "come as you are," because that's what my readers are interested in.

## What are your beauty essentials?

I try to focus on having nice skin, so it means lots



She has that "je ne sais quoi" look. / ALL PHOTOS CAMILLE CHARRIÈRE



Posing for a tonal trend?



Camille keeps it neutral.

of water and getting a decent amount of sleep, which isn't easy. I use La Mer face cream, a Nars tinted moisturizer and a bit of mascara. I think girls look prettier when they wear less makeup. When I go out with my British friends, being French is my get out of jail free card. I show up with unbrushed hair and they love the famous French "effortlessness." But in my case, it's a real lack of effort!

**How do you stay healthy?**  
I'm really unhealthy and it's my biggest resolution this year. I'm 27 now and I need to start exercising.

**What do you like most about Fashion Month?**  
Seeing all my friends from all around the world. It's like a big summer camp.



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# 1 How about 'The Daily Show with Amy Poehler'?

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## Eddie Redmayne 'researching' cross-dressing role

Never accuse presumptive Oscar front-runner Eddie Redmayne of not being committed to his work as an actor. Case in point: The "Theory of Everything" star is reportedly deep into preparations for an upcoming film, "The Danish Girl," about the first transgender woman to undergo

reassignment surgery back in the '30s. And just how is he preparing? The British actor "is literally walking around in heels and wearing his wife's clothing," a source tells Radar Online. "Eddie is taking this project very, very seriously." So our question, naturally, is who is he wearing?

**REDMAYNE WITH WIFE HANNAH BAGSHAW, WHOSE DRESS HE NO DOUBT TRIED ON AT SOME POINT THAT DAY.**

### Daily video

## The honest 'Boyhood' trailer

Richard Linklater's "Boyhood" might be an overwhelmingly beloved Best Picture favorite, but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun at its expense. Screen Junkies gives the Oscar front-runner the Honest Trailer treatment, renaming it "12 Years a Boy" and pointing out some

awkward points about the groundbreaking film, like how if it were shot like a normal movie everyone would be complaining that it had a terrible script. Who knows, maybe this one was put together by the "Bird-man" team hoping to keep undermining their biggest competitor. All bets are off with only five days of Oscar voting left, after all.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL FILM. BUT HONESTLY... IF YOU TOOK THE SAME SCRIPT AND SHOT IT OVER A FEW MONTHS. IT WOULD SUCK.

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We're going to need a new "Daily Show" host by the end of the year, and it seems like the Internet is already rallying around "Parks and Recreation" star Amy Poehler. And why not? Her show is ending, so she could use a new regular gig. She's got the perfect comic persona for the venue, and getting behind the desk in New York would be a lovely return to her "Saturday Night Live" and "Upright Citizens Brigade" roots. But that doesn't mean she's the only good option to take over for Jon Stewart. We've got some other ideas:

**1 Samantha Bee:** Why should the long-running, celebrated late-night staple look outside its own roster for a new captain? Long-time correspondent — and wife of fellow "Daily" team member Jason Jones — has

put in the years of work and deserves a reward. She also has the right blend of sweetness and sarcasm to handle the guests.

**2 Jessica Williams:** Speaking of "Daily Show" staffers, how about helping one of the show's fastest rising stars rise even faster? Williams has been turning in some of the show's most important work since joining the team and that could drive the future tenor of the show and help keep it relevant.

**3 Vance DeGeneres:** Or "Daily Show" producers could reach way back into the archives and bring back Vance DeGeneres (brother of Ellen), who left the show in 2001. Sure, DeGeneres is currently busy running fellow "Daily" alum Steve Carell's production company,

Carousel Productions, but TV audiences could use another sampling of his deadpan style.

**4 Patton Oswalt:** Whoever takes over for Stewart is going to need to be up to his level as far as smarts go, and who better than comedy's reigning nerd, Patton Oswalt? He's got the passion, the humor and the witty self-deprecation down pat. And it would be interesting to see him in a suit on a regular basis.

**5 Kanye West:** We're pretty sure at least Kanye West would agree that there is literally no one more qualified for the job — or any job — than Kanye West. Well, aside from Beyonce, maybe. But of the two of them, who is more likely to take a desk job?



## Kanye West hints at Taylor Swift team-up

Speaking of Kanye West, everyone's favorite level-headed cultural critic called into Ryan Seacrest's radio show yesterday to clear a few things up about the Grammys — and to hint at a super-powered pop team-up that may be in the works. Taylor Swift "wants to get in the studio, and we're definitely going to do that," West teases. And he also says Swift is something of a troublemaker when it comes to him interrupting Beck's acceptance speech: "Taylor Swift came up to me right afterward, literally right afterward, and tells me that I should have went onstage. This is the irony of my life," he says. But it wasn't just Swift, either. "Right when that happened, everybody was looking at me, then people started [chanting my name]," he explains of his Grammys stage-rush. "OK, this didn't really happen, those were voices in my head." So, it's official. The voices made him do it.

## Barbara Walters nixes 'View' comeback

With all the Rosie O'Donnell-related tumult, it's understandable that producers at "The View" are looking for something to bolster support for the troubled talk show. Well, they're not going to find it in Barbara Walters. "They've talked about bringing Barbara back for



a three-week special in the summer to boost ratings," a source tells Radar Online. "But she doesn't want to touch the show. She thinks it's toxic and doesn't need the stress." And, I mean, that's coming from the woman who started the whole thing, so that's saying something.

# 2 CULTURE



### Twitter feed

Today, Chris Colfer is getting ready for the end, Patton Oswalt thinks Jon Stewart is a superhero, Rose McGowan is living among animals, Taye Diggs can't help himself, and Mindy Kaling has simple goals.

@chriscolfer: Recording my last Glee song. Hope I find an excuse to sing after this.

@pattonoswalt: Wait, the only people who can possibly replace Jon Stewart are Hal Jordan or Guy Gardener SORRY NERD JOKE IT WAS F---ING SITTING THERE.

@rosemcgowan: The coyotes are screaming tonight. Hill living.

@TayeDiggs: If you're a competitive person, that stays with you. You don't stop. You always look over your shoulder.

@mindykaling: I just wanna be famous enough so my daughter can be miss golden globe

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# The dark ruminations of Father John Misty



Father John Misty was also the drummer in Fleet Foxes.

EMMA TILLMAN

**Interview.** Joshua Tillman tells us how he suffered through making his new album, "I Love You, Honeybear."

Joshua Tillman, better known as Father John Misty, makes it clear that working on his new album, "I Love You, Honeybear," was not enjoyable for him. "I process the experiences of my life by writing about them, and that includes experiences that are brutal, confusing or whatever [else]," he tells us. "I did a pretty good job of preventing myself from enjoying any phase of it, though I did enjoy playing the drums on this album."

## Exploring love's dark corners

In the two years since the last (and only other) Father John Misty album came out, Tillman got married, but you won't hear any sappy love songs on "I Love You, Honeybear." These songs show the dark side of intimacy; Tillman says he wanted to throw out the blueprint for how love has been written about in the past. "For the album cover, I put a picture of myself as a baby nursing at a goddess's breast. ... I had this encounter with intimacy, which brought out these characteristics in me like jealousy and pettiness. I basically turned into a

## Quoted

"If you posted half the s— that I admit in my album on an online dating profile, you'd be alone for the rest of your life."

Father John Misty

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baby, which is not great," he says.

## Facing the fear of being honest

Tillman says our culture prevents many from achieving true intimacy because of the pressure to create fake-yet-better versions of ourselves online. "If you posted

half the s— that I admit in my album on an online dating profile, you'd be alone for the rest of your life," he says. "But you can't be intimate without revealing these aspects of yourself and there's no shame in who you 'really are.'" But that can't necessarily be true. After all, Tillman found someone.

## Post-apocalyptic Chihuahuas

While writing songs gives Tillman the opportunity to explore the more uncomfortable sides of himself, he's also writing a novel that he says allows him to have a longer dialog with himself. "It's about an attack of post-apocalyptic Chihuahuas," he says, with no irony whatsoever. "What I'm trying to figure out in my writing is what makes me tick and why my world is so bleak. ... In my songs, there are other people. But in my novel writing, I find that every character is me." Just imagine the book cover.



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# Sail into love on a Caribbean cruise



Silver Whisper



SeaDream II

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Just in time for Valentine's Day, here are five of the most romantic cruises sailing in the Caribbean this year.

There are plenty of family-friendly cruise ships plying the Caribbean, but when you're looking for something quieter and more romantic, you have to choose your ship carefully.

## Crystal Cruises' Crystal Symphony

This ship does luxury the way it should be — thoughtful and attentive but also unobtrusive and warm. Before the evening magic show, dine at Silk Road, the line's Nobu-helmed Japanese restaurant and sushi bar.

**One to book:** Seven-day sailing from Miami to San Juan, Dec. 12; from \$2,045 per person.

**On-land highlights:** Lie on the gorgeous beaches in Grand Turk, and toast to your love in St. Barths.

## Celebrity Cruises' Celebrity Summit

This ship feels designed for lovers. At night, live music fills the halls and couples pair off to dance; during the day, hot tubs, day beds and egg-shaped chairs designed for two beckon.

**One to book:** Eight-day round-trip from San Juan, April 4; from \$499 per person.

**On-land highlights:** Hike

to a waterfall in St. Lucia and, when docked in St. Thomas, head over to St. John to explore the sandy bays of Virgin Islands National Park.

## SeaDream Yacht Club's SeaDream II

This 112-passenger ship feels adult and intimate. Picture a watersports marina that lets you sail and swim off the side of the ship, Balinese day beds for two on deck and an "unscheduled" late-night trip to a beach bar.

**One to book:** Seven-day sailing from Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 28; from \$3,499 per person.

**On-land highlights:** Snorkel around Treasure Island while docked in Jost Van Dyke and swim around the rock formations in The Baths on Virgin Gorda.

## Silversea Cruises' Silver Whisper

This luxury line has a slightly more formal atmosphere than some of the others: Look for afternoon



Celebrity Summit

tea, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before dinner. Be sure to book a table for a night in Le Champagne, the only Relais & Chateaux restaurant at sea.

**One to book:** Seven-day sailing round-trip from Barbados, Nov. 6; from \$2,650 per person.

**On-land highlights:** Explore

St. Vincent's beaches and check out the colonial sites of Curacao.

## Oceania Cruises' Oceania Riviera

This 1,250-passenger ship has an elegant atmosphere, with suites designed by Ralph Lauren and a restaurant helmed by Jacques Pepin himself. The wine bar has pairing dinners you won't want to miss.

**One to book:** Ten-day sailing round-trip from Miami, March 22; from \$2,799 per person.

**On-land highlights:** Hit the beach in Tortola or take a horseback ride in Cayo Levantado in the Dominican Republic.

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Oceania Riviera



PRESTIGE CRUISE HOLIDAY

### Three tips

## Choosing an itinerary

Caribbean cruise itineraries can be confusing. Here's some advice to help you sort through the options.

**1. Check out a map**  
Cruise lines call the itineraries "Eastern Caribbean," "Southern Caribbean" and "Western Caribbean," but these routes change from line to line and even from sailing to sailing.

**2. Go small**  
The smaller the island, the less likely you will see other ships lined up in the port or overcrowded sites.

**3. Price out the flights**  
Some of the most interesting routes start in the Caribbean — from San Juan, St. Thomas or Barbados — but the plane tickets can be a lot more expensive than sailing out of Florida. In addition, sailings that start in one port and end in another can also mean more expensive plane tickets.



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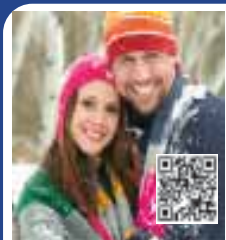
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# Sex up your dinner this Valentine's Day

**Candlelit.** An aphrodisiac expert tells us the best bites for putting you in the mood.

Kick off your night on the right note by infusing your Valentine's Day meal with natural aphrodisiacs.

"My suggestion is to keep things really simple," says Amy Reiley, author of "Romancing the Stove: The Unabridged Guide to Aphrodisiac Foods." "You want something you can clean up the next morning."

You also want to keep it light — heavy foods are going to make you feel sleepy, not sexy. And when it comes to cocktails, champagne is the preferred drink for putting you in the mood.

"It's been found that



Incorporate natural aphrodisiacs into your romantic dinner plans. / ISTOCK

blanc de blancs champagnes replicate the scent of the female pheromone," says Reiley. "The interesting thing is that it arouses both sexes."

If you prefer red wine, experts say that earthy Burgundy wines are a good choice for revving up your engine. According to Reiley, scent is the most important component, which is why aromatic red wines are an optimal choice.

Mussels make for a perfect hors d'oeuvre, she says. Adding exotic flavors and a hint of heat will also dial up the sexy level.

"A coconut-based soup is another good one," she

says. "Coconut is a great aphrodisiac."

For dinner, go with seafood. Try rolling your own sushi together, which can be a playful, flirty experience on its own. The best part? Fish like salmon and mackerel are thought to kick up the production of sex hormones.

"Sushi is loaded with aphrodisiac ingredients," says Reiley. "It's also a source of lean protein, so you're getting the energy you need, but you're still keeping the meal relatively light at the same time."

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For dessert



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## Fondue

Chocolate is synonymous with V Day, but on its own, it's not much of an aphrodisiac.

"A British scientist did a study that found in order to get all of those aphrodisiac effects that we associate with chocolate — things like mood enhancement, caffeine-like energy and that state of euphoria — the average-sized woman would have to eat over 20 pounds of chocolate to actually get there," says Reiley.

But it is a stimulant, and dark chocolate has antioxidant benefits.

Reiley suggests preparing a dark chocolate fondue, which allows you to choose aphrodisiac fruits for dipping. Strawberries, bananas and figs all fit the bill.

The other senses

## Lavender scents

For men, lavender and pumpkin pie spice are arousing, while women are thought to be turned on by licorice. "The scent of glazed donuts is also arousing," adds Reiley.

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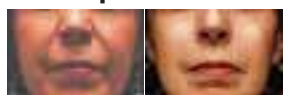


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# 3 Ways to spend Valentine's Day

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**Public** (210 Elizabeth St.) with the Lovers Feast, kicking off with a shared-plates brunch (like pecan sticky buns), a hot chocolate bar and specialty "chock-tails." The holiday even inspired Daniel Boulud to open **Daniel** (60 E. 65th St.) for a rare lunch service on Saturday at noon with a four-course prix fixe (\$225 per person).



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## Eat a sexy dinner

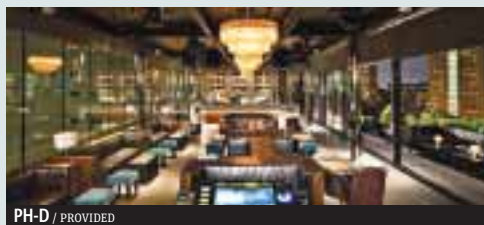
**Stanton Street Kitchen** (178 Stanton St.), a romantic spot with a great craft beer selection, has a three-course aphrodisiac-packed prix fixe (\$75pp), like the seafood bouillabaisse brimming with five kinds of fish and shellfish. At **Saikai Dining Bar** (24 Greenwich Ave.) two former Masa chefs

are serving a six-course menu (\$80pp, \$120 with sake pairings) with dishes like sea bream with truffle and grilled king crab with yuzu whipped cream. Cozy East Village spot **King Bee** (424 E. Ninth St.) has one of the most decadent and reasonably priced dinners (\$65pp, \$105 with wines) with four courses of options like rabbit rillettes and venison tartare.

## Fabulously single

Since Valentine's falls on a Saturday, spend it like you usually do: dancing. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. at **PH-D** atop the Dream Downtown (355 W. 16th St.) with a love-themed carnival of costumed

dancers, stilt walkers and aerialists. If your +1 for this weekend is just a friend, head to **STK Downtown** (26 Little W. 12th St.) from 6 p.m. to midnight, where guys get a free round of drinks and ladies score a complimentary bottle of prosecco. If you're both



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solo and so over winter already, **Sweetwater Social** (643 Broadway) is transforming into a tropical island getaway on Saturday beginning at 5 p.m., with \$10 tiki cocktails, \$12 Champagne toasts and festive leis for all.



JOAN MARCUS

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You have five chances to catch Dave Chappelle, with early and late-night shows to accommodate your other weekend plans (if they're important enough). The stand-up comedian usually shines at small and mid-size venues like this one.

## TALKS

### Matt Groening

Tonight, 8 p.m.  
Howard Gilman Opera House  
30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn  
\$35-\$50, [www.BAM.org](http://www.BAM.org)  
"The Simpsons" is the longest-running primetime television show, and it might never die. Neither, it seems, will the love affair between series creator Matt Groening and cartoonist Lynda Barry, who went to art school together and have been friends for 40 years. They discuss their mutual love of comics and animation in a seminar called "Love, Hate and Comics: The Friendship That Wouldn't Die."  
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## Restaurant Week

### Forks at the ready

Valentine's Day will probably set your dining budget back a pretty penny. Luckily, Restaurant Week is upon us beginning Monday through March 6, and there are a record 341 participants. The three-course prix fixe menus are a sweetheart deal at \$25 for lunch and \$38 for dinner. Check out Empellon Cocina's upscale Mexican fare, the re-revamped Tavern on the Green, or British food that's not a punchline at The Peacock. For all the details and to make a reservation, visit [nycgo.com/restaurant-week](http://nycgo.com/restaurant-week).

## Horoscope

**Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18** You will have a hard time agreeing with others. Listen carefully and see if you can reach an amicable compromise rather than try to get things your way.

**Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20** Your reputation will be questioned if you fail to honor a promise. Keep your word and be consistent.

**Aries | March 21-April 20** Too much idle time will work against you. Concentrate on your strengths, and work diligently. No one will interfere with your plans if you are secretive.

**Taurus | April 21-May 21** Don't bring work home with you. Clear your mind and make your residence a place of peace. Spend quality time with your family.

**Gemini | May 22-June 20** You'll have time to play after you take care of your responsibilities. Whether you are at work or school, you should play by the rules.

**Cancer | June 21-July 22** Share your thoughts and plans for the future. Do whatever it takes to help you reach your goal. Putting in additional hours will leave a good impression.

**Leo | July 23-Aug. 22** Leave yourself time to pursue a hobby or attend an event. Getting involved in a risky venture is best avoided.

**Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22** Hold off making a decision until you feel less emotional. You are not obligated to act on the spur of the moment. If someone pressures you, walk away.

**Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22** Don't allow anyone to take you for granted. You need to take your responsibilities seriously if you want to be known as trustworthy.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21** A partnership is apparent. You have plenty to offer, and your qualifications will guarantee that you reach your destination.

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21** It's time to deal with unfinished business. A troubling personal situation will disappear once you agree to compromise.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20** Responsibly deal with any debt you've incurred. Walk away from anyone who is trying to guilt you into contributing to a risky venture. **EUGENIA LAST**

## Sudoku: Easy and hard

1	7		6			2		
2	9		5			3		
				2			9	
4		1		5				2
	6						1	
3				6		7		4
	4			9				
		2			5		4	8
		5			2		6	7

8		5	9				1	
7						9		3
		6	3		5			
5			2	3	8		9	
				7				
	6		5	9	1			7
			8		3	2		
3		2						1
	5				4	8		9

**How to play**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Crossword

## Across

- 1 Pricy car logo
- 4 Grammy winner — James
- 8 Bank feature
- 13 Empathize
- 14 Claw badly
- 15 Extreme boredom
- 16 Wheel tracks
- 17 Chestnut hulls
- 18 Edge past
- 19 Here, to Henri
- 20 Gourmet
- 22 Thaw
- 24 Command to Fido
- 25 Washboard —
- 26 Stem-to-stern structure
- 28 Tooth-puller's org.
- 31 Kachina makers
- 34 Former Chevy
- 35 Clancy hero Jack —
- 36 Frank
- 37 Enjoy the taste
- 38 Flying prefix
- 39 Lean and sinewy
- 40 Cow-headed goddess
- 41 Bygone
- 42 Brown of big bands
- 43 Two fives for —
- 44 Atlas page
- 45 Bronte governess
- 47 Royalty receivers
- 51 Opponents
- 55 Bearskin, maybe

- 56 Castle that danced
- 57 Beauty-salon items
- 58 Perched
- 59 Retail centers
- 60 Table salt
- 61 Oxford tutors
- 62 Nature's coolant
- 63 Post-kindergarten
- 64 U.K. country

## Down

- 1 — Wayne (Batman)
- 2 Theme
- 3 Yr. parts
- 4 Decorate, as leather
- 5 Jeer
- 6 Bend in the road
- 7 Plus
- 8 Tugboat, e.g.
- 9 Biscotto flavor
- 10 On time
- 11 "—s Back In Town"
- 12 Stadium level
- 13 Football field
- 20 Corn holders
- 21 "Do — a Waltz?"
- 23 Wet
- 26 Bacon of "JFK"
- 27 They're often inflated
- 29 Be bold enough
- 30 Erelong

- 31 Wolf's plaint
- 32 Mayberry kid
- 33 Hang tough
- 34 Bud holder
- 35 Mr. Kramden
- 37 Some are historic
- 41 Feel one's —
- 43 Police action
- 44 Granola kin
- 46 Busybody
- 47 H, spelled out
- 48 Acrylic fiber
- 49 Having regrets
- 50 Certain NCOs
- 51 Intentions
- 52 Take a card
- 53 Prince Charles' sister
- 54 Bona fide
- 58 "Block" or "lime" ender

## Yesterday's answer



## Letters to the editor

## Report Muslim murders equally

Did you hear about the three American Muslims killed in their home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina? The initial reports from the police state that the alleged killer is an atheist and posted on his Facebook page that he disliked religion.

The news didn't really hit the mainstream media — in fact, I read about it in a U.K. media outlet. Now imagine a Muslim killing three Americans. It would have been on every media outlet and playing on Fox News continuously. Are we not fair with our perceptions on

Muslims?

MADEEL ABDULLAH, MD, VIA EMAIL

## Rare is such a kitchen

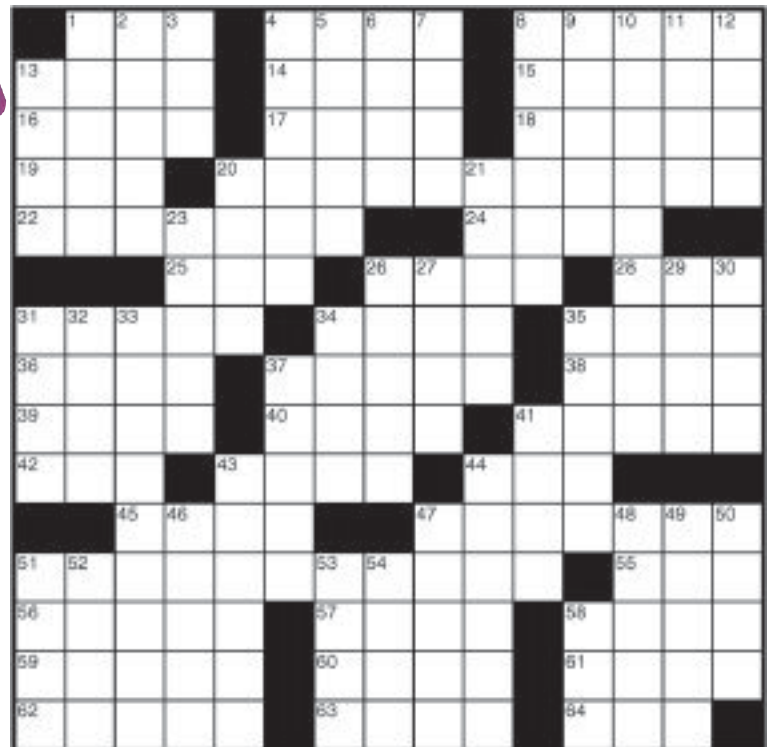
**Re: 'Breakfast recipes your kids won't suspect are healthy' (Metro, Feb. 10)** Dana Angelo White must have two kitchens. She wants parents to toast a waffle while making a pear and honey sauce in a microwave oven. In my New York City apartment, using the toaster and microwave at the same time will blow a fuse. **STUART TAUBEL, VIA EMAIL**

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# Best NY ballers

**NBA.** Ranking the top 25 pro basketball players in NY history.

New York will be the epicenter of the NBA world during All-Star weekend, but with only one possible representative between the two pro franchises, there's a dearth of impact players to represent either the Knicks or Nets.

So, to salve the wounds wrought from watching two downtrodden New York franchises this season, Metro has compiled a list of the top 25 players to ever play professional basketball in the city. Naturally, the list is Knicks-heavy, but there is one special Net that should not be forgotten.

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## "Dr. J" Julius Erving

No, The Doctor never laced his Converse kicks for the Knicks, but today's younger generation needs to be schooled on the prowess of the dominant force for the ABA's New York Nets. Erving averaged 28.2 points, 10.8 rebounds and shot over 51 percent from the field during his three seasons on Long Island, and even brought home a championship for the hometown team. His NBA playing career in Philadelphia was Hall of Fame-worthy on its own, but the real Doctor — the guy who struck fear in every shotblocker and was the precursor to Michael Jordan — was the main reason why the fledgling league lasted as long as it did.



"The Doctor" was a dominant presence with the New York Nets.  
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PATRICK EWING

## Patrick Ewing

Although a victim of the Michael Jordan era, and never having won a ring, it doesn't diminish the career of this Hall of Famer. Ewing led the Knicks to an NBA Finals appearance in 1994 against Houston and holds almost every meaningful statistic in franchise history, including points, blocks, rebounds, steals, free throws, field goals and minutes. He finished with averages of 22.8 points per game, 10.4 rebounds, 1.1 steals, and 2.7 blocks.

## Walt Frazier

The greatest point guard in franchise history, "Clyde" was the catalyst for two Knicks' championships at the start of the 1970s. Known more these days for his stylistic attire and vocabulary as the team's color commentary, Frazier



"Clyde" Frazier.

was a better on-court performer as he averaged 19.2 points, 6.1 rebounds, 6.3 assists and 2.1 steals while shooting 49 percent from the floor. His defining moment came during a Game 7 win in the 1970 Finals when he scored 36 points, grabbed seven rebounds, and dished out 19 assists.

## Willis Reed

"The Captain" is the only man to overshadow Frazier in the 1970 Finals victory over the Los Angeles Lakers when he limped onto the court in Game 7. But Reed was more than that signature moment, as he aver-

aged 18.7 points, 12.9 rebounds and shot 48 percent from the field. He'd almost certainly have been among the greatest recorded shot-blockers had the stat been registered during his time. Blocks weren't recorded in the league until 1973.

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SPORTS



No. 5

## Big D

Dave DeBusschere stood 6-foot-6 as a power forward, but he was pound-for-pound one of the toughest of his era. DeBusschere averaged 15.4 points and 10.2 rebounds in each of his last four seasons as a Knick and helped the franchise win its only two titles.

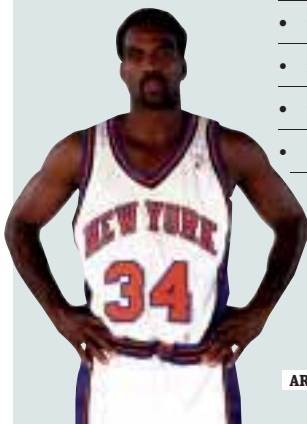
### Top 25 NY ballers

Nos. 6-25

- 6. Bill Bradley
- 7. Richie Guerin
- 8. Bernard King

- 9. Earl Monroe
- 10. Carmelo Anthony
- 11. Charles Oakley
- 12. Bill Cartwright
- 13. Mark Jackson
- 14. Michael Ray Richardson
- 15. Allan Houston
- 16. Cazzie Russell
- 17. Dick McGuire
- 18. John Starks

- 19. Latrell Sprewell
- 20. Amar'e Stoudemire
- 21. Stephon Marbury
- 22. Larry Johnson
- 23. Anthony Mason
- 24. Ray Williams
- 25. David Lee



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